

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2007 2:35 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Representative Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid SB 595 before the Committee.

SB 595 Van Woerkom Food; other; rewrite for clarification and updates of food law; provide for.

Jeff Cobb, representing Senator Van Woerkom, spoke to the Committee regarding SB 595 and explained changes in Senate Bill 595 (S-2).

The following individuals submitted cards for SB 595:

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support  
Andy Delony, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, in support  
Nancy Nyquist, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), in support of SB 595 (S-2)

The Chair laid HR 156 before the Committee.

Representative Law reviewed the provisions of HR 156 with the Committee.

HR 156 Kathleen Law A resolution to encourage Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture to implement food policies that promote healthy food, farms, and communities by encouraging local production of fruits and vegetables by specialty crop farmers.

Questions were answered for Committee members.

Nancy Nyquist, representing the MDA, submitted a card indicating support for the concept of HR 156.

The Committee returned to work on SB 595.

Representative Byrum made a motion to report SB 595 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Committee returned to consideration of HR 156.

Representative Sheltroun made a motion to adopt HR 156 (H-6).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Leland made a motion to report HR 156 (H-6) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Nitz, Ball. (9/11)**

**Nays: Representative Walker. (1/11)**

**Pass: Representative Meekhof. (1/11) (9/1/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 2:55 p.m.

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Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

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